

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 6 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Claim 1 incorporates at least some of the patentable subject matter acknowledged by the Office Action. No new matter is added by the above amendment. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 7-13 are allowed, and that claims 2-6 contain allowable subject matter.

II. Specification Objection

The Office Action objects to the Specification and the Abstract for failing to define "JIS-Z-8729." This objection is respectfully traversed.

"JIS-Z-8729" refers to Japanese Industrial Standard Z-8729. Thus, to fully comply with MPEP § 608.01(b), the Specification is amended accordingly.

Although the Office Action objects the Abstract for failing to define "JIS-Z-8729," the Abstract does not recite ""JIS-Z-8729." Nonetheless, the Abstract is amended to define "DPS" as Drum Printing System, as provided in the third full paragraph on page 15 of the specification.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over JP 2003-248212 (Suga). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the acknowledged allowable subject matter of claim 6. Thus, as acknowledged by the Patent Office, claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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